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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 26, 2000 and due for response on December 26, 2000, and in accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please amend the above-identified Application as follows. Applicants file concurrently herewith a Petition for a one (1) month extension of time, to and including January 26, 2001, and the required fee.